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Issac Gaston, Site Selection Specialist
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Federal Bureau of Prisons
320 First Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20534

Re: Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) - Use of Contractor-Owned/Operated Facility to House District of Columbia Sentenced Felons and Criminal Aliens, May 2010, CEQ# 20100013

Dear Mr. Gaston:

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1509), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Use of Contractor-Owned/Operated Facility to House District of Columbia Sentenced Felons and Criminal Aliens. The FEIS included responses to comments made by EPA on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). EPA rated the environmental impacts of the Winton, North Carolina alternative as "LO" (Lack of Objections) and the Princess Anne, Maryland site as "EC" (Environmental Concerns) and the adequacy of the impact statement as "2" (Insufficient Information) in our letter of March 8, 2010.

The FEIS selects the Winton alternative as the Preferred Alternative. EPA has determined that the Federal Bureau of Prisons has adequately addressed its comments within the Final Environmental Impact Statement. EPA appreciates that the environmental concerns, which are shared by BOP, expressed in our comments on the DEIS were taken into account in selecting the Winton, NC site as environmentally preferable.

Thank you for providing EPA with the opportunity to review this project. If you need assistance in the future, the staff contact for this project is Alaina DeGeorgio; she can be reached at 215-814-2741.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara J. Rudnick", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Barbara J. Rudnick
NEPA Team Leader
Office of Environmental Programs

